

# Honorary Alderman

Report of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services

## Recommended:

**That, pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972, the status of Honorary Alderman be conferred upon Ian Carr MBE as a past member of Test Valley Borough Council in recognition of his having rendered eminent services to the Council and to the people of Test Valley.**

### SUMMARY:

- Pursuant to the provisions of section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council is requested to consider conferring Honorary Alderman status upon former Councillor Ian Carr MBE.

## 1 Introduction

- 1.1 Test Valley Borough Council has powers under the Local Government Act 1972 s249 to 'confer the title of Honorary Alderman or Honorary Alderwoman on persons who have, in the opinion of the Council, rendered eminent services to the Council as past members of that Council who are not then Councillors of the Council'.

## 2 Background

- 2.1 Council resolved on 4 July 2012 to introduce a Scheme to award the title of Honorary Alderman or Honorary Alderwoman of the Borough to past Councillors who had rendered eminent services to the Borough and the Community.
- 2.2 The Scheme applies to past Councillors with effect from 18 April 2011 when the motion was approved by Council.
- 2.3 The Leader of the Council, Councillor North supported by Councillor C Dowden Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group, have proposed that the title of Honorary Alderman be conferred upon former Councillor Ian Carr MBE who has rendered eminent services to the Borough and the community of Test Valley.

## 3 Risk Management

- 3.1 An evaluation of the risks associated with the matters in this report indicate that further risk assessment is not needed because the issues covered do not represent significant risks or have been considered by Councillors.

#### **4 Resource Implications**

- 4.1 The costs involved in conferring Honorary Alderman status will be met from contingencies, existing budgets or budget reductions in the year.

#### **5 Legal Implications**

- 5.1 In accordance with section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972, the holder of the status of Honorary Alderman or Alderwoman of a principal council may attend and take part in such civil ceremonies as the council may from time to time decide, but shall not as such have the right (a) to attend meetings of the Council or a committee of the Council (including a joint committee upon which they are represented) or (b) to receive any such allowances or other payments as are payable under sections 173 to 176 above.

#### **6 Equality Issues**

- 6.1 No equality issues arise out of this report.

#### **7 Conclusion and reasons for recommendation**

- 7.1 The conferring of the status of Honorary Alderman or Alderwoman upon a past member of the Council is an entirely appropriate and established legal mechanism for recognising his or her eminent service.
- 7.2 It is recommended that the status of Honorary Alderman is conferred upon Ian Carr MBE.

<u>Background Papers (Local Government Act 1972 Section 100D)</u>			
None			
<u>Confidentiality</u>			
It is considered that this report does not contain exempt information within the meaning of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, and can be made public.			
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